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State Agency Announces “Suited For Successful Families” Results *CalVCP Makes Final Handoff in Conclusion of Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

What: Following a month-long collection effort for the “Suited for Successful Families” campaign, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) will announce drive totals and present donation items to five local nonprofit organizations that serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

When: Wednesday, November 6th at 1:30 p.m.

Where: CalVCP Headquarters – 400 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Why: Hundreds of state employees, businesses, legislative offices, and Sacramento residents donated clothing items, diapers and toys in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October. Donations will benefit adult survivors of domestic violence seeking to reenter the workforce while also providing for their kids’ basic needs.

Who: Several speakers will present state and nonprofit resources that assist and protect domestic violence victims:

- Marybel Batjer, Secretary of the Government Operations Agency & Chairperson of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
- Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program
- Beth Hassett, Executive Director of WEAVE
- Elaine Whitefeather, Executive Director of A Community for Peace
- Gloria Ochoa, Board Vice President of My Sister’s House
- Julie Tanaka, Outreach/Training Specialist of Plumas Rural Services
- Roy Alexander, CEO/Chief Executive Office of Sacramento Children’s Home

Professional attire, children’s clothing, diapers, and toys collected during CalVCP’s annual “Suited for Successful Families” drive will equip domestic violence survivors at: **WEAVE, My Sister’s House, Plumas Rural Services, A Community For Peace, and the Sacramento Children’s Home.**

Half a dozen agencies and businesses hosted collection bins throughout the greater Sacramento region:

- Governor's Office
- Chicory Coffee & Tea
- Vallejo's Restaurant
- Folsom City Hall
- Folsom Police Headquarters
- California Victim Compensation & Government Claims Board

In 2012, CalVCP collected nearly 2,000 suits, slacks, dresses, shoes, and belts to benefit victims of domestic violence. The "Suited for Success" drive aimed to supply domestic violence survivors with professional attire to support career development. This year's campaign expanded collection efforts to include children of domestic violence, supported by the theme of "Suited for Successful Families."

For more information about CalVCP visit: www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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CalVCP is the state's leading advocate for victims' rights and a national leader in providing compensation and services for victims of violent crime. Since 1965, CalVCP has provided nearly \$2.2 billion in assistance for services such as mental health treatment, medical payments, relocations costs, and funeral/burial expenses. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.